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SUBJECT: JUNE 23 SHRIMP BOAT SEIZURES; GOB PERSISTS IN POSITION

REF: A. BRASILIA 5003, B. STATE 160425, C. BRASILIA 5006,
D. BRASILIA 4968

1. ECONOFF INFORMED BY FRENCH EMBASSY THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR (WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO BRAZIL) CALLED TO FONMIN LATE JUNE 26 BY SECRETARY-GENERAL TO RECEIVE DIPLOMATIC NOTE IN WHICH GOB REJECTED FRENCH CLAIM THAT JUNE 23 SHRIMP BOAT SEIZURES WERE MADE IN FRENCH TERRITORIAL WATERS (REPORTED REF D) COORDINATES CITED BY GOB WERE SAME AS THOSE GIVEN ORALLY TO ECONOFF ON MORNING OF JUNE 26 AND REPORT BRASILIA 5003. FRENCH EMBASSY WAS INTERESTED IN THE VARIOUS REPORTS WHICH EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CONTAINING COORDINATES, BUT PARIS HAD PROVIDED NO COORDINATES AT ALL. ALTHOUGH FRENCH EMBASSY

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WILL REPORT TO PARIS THE CONTENT OF THE GOB'S DIPLOMATIC NOTE, EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. SPOKESMAN COMMENTED TO ECONOFF THAT IT WAS A "RATHER SMALL THING" AND HIS GOVERNMENT WILL " NOT GIVE IMPORTANCE TO THE INCIDENT." COMMENT. WE CONCLUDE THAT THE CASE WAS NOT PRESSED AT ALL BY THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR

END COMMENT. AT SAME TIME, FRENCH EMBASSY EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH US REGARDING MATTER.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE AND REFTEL A AND B, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE. WE HAVE NOTED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN UATAK FISHERIES AND SAHLMAN SEAFOODS TELEXES (RECEIVED TELEPHONICALLY FROM YELLMAN) AS WELL AS THE GUYANA AIR TRANSPORT COMPANY PILOT'S REPORT (SUMMARY RECEIVED TELEPHONICALLY FROM CONSUL BELEM AND REPEATED AS REFTEL C. WHILE THESE PRIVATE REPORTS SUPPORT CASE OF JUNE 23 SEIZURES IN FRENCH WATERS, IT IS OFTEN NOT CLEAR THE TIME AT WHICH THE CITINGS WERE MADE AND THERE MAY BE OTHER INCONSISTENCIES. THE GOB WILL ENTERTAIN NOTHING LESS THAN THE MOST PRECISE INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY NOW THAT IT HAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT OF THE COORDINAES PROVIDED BY THE BRAZILIAN NAVY. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS CAREFUL REVIEW OF ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT BEFORE OFFICIAL POSITION IS TAKEN WITH THE GOB. AT SAME TIME, IF DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL, AN INFORMAL EXPLORATION OF THE SUBJECT PROBABLY COULD BE ARRANGED WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AT THE MIDDLE LEVEL.

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